EU ETS Registry Newsletter

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European Union Emissions Trading System (EU ETS) Update for Aircraft Operators - New Union Registry Edition

What is happening?
The European Union Registry will be operational during the beginning of 2012. This will be managed centrally by the European Commission.

The Registry is a web based system similar to online banking, and each country will have their own National Administrator and national registry section within the Union Registry. The National Administrator for the United Kingdom (UK) will be the Environment Agency.

What does this mean for me?
In order to hold and trade allowances from 2012 and, to surrender allowances for compliance purposes from 2013, you will need to set up an Aircraft Operator Holding Account in the Union Registry. If you have applied for, and are eligible to receive free allowances, the allocation for 2012 should be added to your account by 28 February 2012. Annual allocations for subsequent years should be issued by 28 February each year.

Access to Registry accounts will be **strictly controlled** to ensure the protection of registry users and you will need to be enrolled with the UK Registry first.

As part of this enrolment process, you must provide the UK Registry Team with a complete set of identification documents for both the account holder and each nominated account representative.

We will be sending out an application form/registry account opening guide to you shortly. This will detail the information you must provide to us if we are to process your application for an account in the Registry. This information is required by the 2011 European Union Registries Regulations and we have no discretion to modify these requirements.

What do I need to do now?
Once you have received the application form/guide from us by email, please:

1. Review the registry account opening guide and the identification requirements.

2. Decide who within your organisation will be nominees (account representatives). The account representatives will be the main users and administrators of the account for your organisation. To receive your allowances and for compliance purposes you will need a minimum of two account representatives.

3. Submit the application form and identity documentation to the Registry Team for the Account Holder and each of your chosen account representatives **by latest 15 January 2012**. Only one application form per account.

4. We will then as part of the enrolment process complete checks on all identity documentation using both law enforcement agencies and other identity validation systems and services. Submission of identity documentation will give consent for the validation checks to be made.

These checks are necessary to ensure the protection of all registry users e.g. to ensure that only you and/or your approved account representatives have access to your allowances.

What happens in January 2012?
Once the validation process is complete we will send you details of how and when to access the Union Registry for the first time. We will also send you information on your obligations during a compliance year.

Further Information
If you have a query regarding the Registry, please contact the Registry helpdesk at:
etregistryhelp@environment-agency.gov.uk